THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

John Curtis Caldwell, a well-dressed young man.

Part 2 - "Shoe Man, Movie Man, Quite A Man!"

Last week we had to leave John Curtis Caldwell just as he had made the decision to begin a career as shoe salesman. Let's go back to the days of THEN and see what we can find out . . . let's hurry!

* * *

When John Curtis Caldwell began his career as shoe salesman, he had a drawing account of $35.00. This money was to take care of his hotel rooms, meals, gasoline, and other incidentals while he was traveling from Monday morning until returning home on Thursday afternoon or evening. Think maybe he had a hard time stretching that $35.00? That's possible, but let's take a look before we decide.

According to John, a first class hotel room in those days was $1.50 a night; he ate for $1.00 a day, that's right, day, not meal! He ate often at the S & W Restaurant because the food was good and the prices right. The highest priced steak was 50c and vegetable.; were 5c each! Looks like that $35.00 bought a lot after all!

In the year 1936 the Lee Theater was built; John Curtis Caldwell was owner and operator. It was located where the office of Attorney Robert Carter and others are now situated. Originally the theater seated 350 people but business was so good that in 1947 it was enlarged to seat 480 persons. To see a movie in those days it cost all of 25c. The Lee Theater remained successfully in operation until 1962; it was closed at that time and the building remodeled as an apartment and office building.

During the war years of World War II, all theaters sold war bonds. The Lee Theater received an award for the best sales in the state of Virginia. In the fifth War Loan Drive, the Lee Theater sold 1,124 Series "E" bonds, and a total of all bonds, issue value, was $112,325.00.

In 1962 John Curtis began operating the Coswell Drive-In Theater in Appomattox. At the Coswell, the people of Appomattox and surrounding areas enjoyed the very best that was available in the field of entertainment. John sold the drive-in theater in 1976.

John Curtis has been twice married. His first wife was the former Bessie V. Harwood; she died in 1955. They had two children, John C. Caldwell, Jr. and William H. Caldwell and four grandchildren. John is now married to the former Vivian Wooldridge of this county.

Vivian and John have an apartment furnished with lovely antiques. Some are family pieces, some they have acquired. Vivian has a talent for seeking out the unusual things, having them refinished or refinishing them herself, and finally putting it all together to create a most attractive apartment. Kiddingly, I commented to John Curtis that every time I visited them, they seemed to have acquired another antique. I asked him how he felt about all the furniture and he commented, "Suits me fine, just as long as I have a place to walk!"

Mention baseball and you'll notice a very special twinkle in John's eyes. In 1940 he began the Skyline League in Appomattox County. From what everyone tells me, it was baseball at its best. The Skyline League was the winner of the State Semi - Professional Championship which was played in Salem, Va. in 1940. Before the league was discontinued in 1952, it provided many hours of entertainment for baseball fans in and around Appomattox County.

How many of you remember the Great Appomattox County Fair? John remembers it well; he was General Manager from 1929 until 1933. One of the attractions o the fair was horse racing, and W. B. Caldwell, John's father was racing secretary at one time. John Curtis still has a booklet advertising the fair; among the ads is one about racing: "Racing, daily running, harness horses. Enter your horse early; enteries close on Sept. 12. W. B. Caldwell, Racing Secretary."

The B. & B Shows provided entertainment for the fair and John Curtis had a notice in the Fair Booklet which read as follows: "Note: I guarantee that this is the cleanest midway on the road today and I will personally see that no immoral shows shall set up and no gambling will be allowed. Any complaints, bring to me and I guarantee a satisfactory settlement. J. C. Caldwell, General Manager."

Though born and reared in the town of Appomattox, John has, more or less, always been a farmer at heart. Along with his other interests and various business endeavors, he has been actively engaged in farming since 1938; the same family farm on which he placed his rabbit trap as a child has been one of his main interests.

It was his love of farm life, and knowledge of Appomattox County that made John Curtis exceptionally well qualified for the position to which he was elected in the fall of 1959. Taking office in 1960, John served our county as Commissioner of Revenue until his retirement on Feb. 1 of this year.

John Curtis told me of childhood rides in a buggy. His family didn't own a car until he was a senior in high school.

In talking about the different life styles in the days of THEN compared to NOW John agreed that there were many. To him, one of the greatest is the trip to Lynchburg; as a teenager the trip took about an hour and ahalf compared to the less than a third of that time today.

John doesn't smoke, doesn't drink, by his own admission he "loves the girls!" I'm sure, being such a ladies man, there must have been a lot of love letters but we didn't discuss those. He did admit, however, just how ugly he had been to his Aunt Lucille (the Late Lucille Bush) who was just a few years older than John Curtis. He admitted taking her love letters when the opportunity presented itself, and then getting on the top of the shed and reading the letters aloud for all interested parties to hear! I have a feeling that he made sure he had a pretty good audience before he gave his performance, don't you? Shame on you John Curtis!!

The late Winston McKinney, one time sheriff of Appomattox, is credited with saying that John Curtis Caldwell was the ugliest baby he had ever seen. I don't believe this, not for a minute and I have his picture to prove that I am right!

John Curtis, you've done a lot living, traveled a lot of miles, made a host of friends. You have contributed much in so many ways to the growth and development of Appomattox County and we say a heart-felt 'thank you'. Appomattox is a better place because of you; we're glad you lived THEN and are living NOW! Our hats off to you, John Curtis Caldwell, you've quite a man!!

P. S. . . . handsome too!!

BECKHAM

August 19 - On Sunday August 7th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr. and Miss Kathy Martin on the farm, many friends and relatives enjoyed a picnic lunch. In the afternoon, "The Fellowship Four and Jackie" presented a program of songs and music.

Mrs. J. I. Moore of Appomattox and Mrs. Dorothy Livingood of Roanoke made a brief visit here last week.

Miss Eunice Martin was super guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter of Oakville Saturday. She also visited Mrs. J. I. Moore on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumheller and family of Troy, Michigan are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin.

Mrs. Larry Stallings, Wendy and Kristie of Bellvidere, North Carolina are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore.

Traci and Jennifer Schmutz are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Millard Zedren of Chesapeake.

Gwen Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pankey and Kim Maxwell spent last weekend at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Debbie Moore and Miss Rita Page spent some time recently at Virginia Beach.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts, Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr., Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie, Mrs. Howlet Drinkard Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin and other relatives visited Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tyree of Waynesboro Sunday afternoon and honored Mrs. Tyree on her birthday.

Mrs. W. A. Harper of Lakeland, Florida visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Winston Martin, Mrs. Frank Drumheller and Robin Kay visited in this home Wednesday evening.

ELDER PARTICIPATED IN TEST OF WORLDWIDE AEROSPACE

Petersburg, Va. – Senior Airman Breck W. Elder, son of retired U. S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant and Mrs. Lewis R. Elder of Rt. 1, Spout Spring, Va., recently participated in Vigilant Overview, a four-day test of worldwide Aerospace Warning & Defense Systems conducted by the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

Airman Elder is an aerospace control and warning systems operator at Ft. Lee Air Force Station, Va., with the 20th Air Defense Squadron.

NORAD, a U. S. - Canadian joint command, headquartered at Colorado Springs, Colo., conducts the exercise quarterly to provide a realistic look at how its people and systems perform under attack conditons.

During the exercise, involving more than 19,000 people, approximately 180 NORAD fighter-interceptor aircraft participated in the simulated defense of the North American continent. They were scrambled against target aircraft simulating the role of enemy bombers.

The airman's wife, Catherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Etachason of Homestead, Fla.

WILLIAMS REUNION HELD SUNDAY

A large crowd attended the Williams Reunion on Sunday, August 21st, 1977.

A cake marking their 25th Anniversary was presented by Mrs. Bascom Williams.

The families consisted of relatives from Arizona, Alexandria, Standsville, South Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Richmond, Kenbridge, Charlotte Court House, Danville, Roanoke, Appomattox, and Pamplin.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN . Phone 352-8215

Kimball & Yamaha Pianos & Organs

Be sure to check our prices before you buy! Our pianos are served by Fred or William Lynn with a total of 50 years experience.

10 YEAR GUARANTEE FREE DELIVERY

Serving Southside Virginia for Over 28 Years

DOWDY FURNITURE CO., INC.

SECOND ST. 392-3440 FARMVILLE, VA.

USED CARS & TRUCKS at Real Bargains

1976 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE - 4 Door Sedan - Cream W/Buckskin - Vinyl Top - Buckskin Vinyl Seats - Power Windows - Power Door Locks - Power Seats - Tilt Steering - Wheel Cruise Control - One Owner

1975 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE - 4 Door Sedan - Mahogany - Black Cloth Trim - Automatic - V-8 - Power Steering - New Tires

1974 CHEVROLET
MONTE CARLO Landau - Coupe - Mahogany - Black Vinyl Top - Black Vinyl Seat - Automatic - Air Conditioning

1973 BUICK
LESABRE - 4 Dr. Sedan - Mahogany W/Beige Vinyl Top - Beige Cloth Trim - Automatic Power Steering - Like New Tires - Low Mileage

1974 CHEVROLET
IMPALA - 4 Dr. Sedan - Green W/Green Vinyl Seats - Air Conditioned - Automatic - Power Steering - One Local Owner

1974 VEGA
G.T. COUPE - Mahogany - Black Vinyl Interior - 4 Speed - Good Economical Car

1974 CHEVROLET
½ Ton Fleetside Pickup - Red/White - Red Interior - 350 4 BBL - Automatic - Power Steering

1976 CHEVROLET
LUV - White Red Interior - Mikado Package - 4 Speed - Air Conditioned - Canvas Cover For Bed

1973 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE - 4 Door Sedan - Mahogany - Beige Vinyl Top Mahogany Cloth Seats - Power Door Locks - Air Conditioning - AM/FM Radio - Low Mileage

1975 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE - 4 Door Sedan - Blue W/Blue Cloth Seats - Cruise Control - Air Conditioning - Good Automobile

1973 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE - 4 Door Sedan - Green W/Beige Cloth Seats - Air Conditioning - AM/FM Radio - Good Tires - One Local Owner

1971 FORD
LTD - 4 Door Hardtop - Green W/Green Vinyl Top - Green Vinyl Seats - Automatic Air Conditioned - New Tires - One Local Owner

1971 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE Malibu Coupe - Red Black Vinyl Top - Black Cloth Seats - Automatic - Power Steering - Air Conditioned - Aluminum Wheels

1973 VEGA
G. T. -Brown - Beige Interior - 4 Speed Transmission - Air Conditioned.

1970 DODGE
½ Ton Pickup - Blue W/Blue Interior - Straight Transmission - 8 Ft. Body

1967 FORD
½ Ton Pickup - 6½ Ft. Body - Green and Tan - Green Interior - V-8 Straight Transmission - Custom Cab

1969 CHEVROLET
½ Ton Fleetside Pickup - Red White - Red Interior - 350 Straight Shift

Moses Motor Co., Inc.
Dealer License No. 3
Moses St. - Rt. 460 Phone 352-5440 Appomattox, Va.

Summer Tire Values at Webb Tire Company

Check these everyday low prices on the Steel Belted Alliance Radial

Size	Price	FET
165 x 13	$38.00	$1.83
FR78 x 14	$50.00	$2.69
GR78 x 14	$54.00	$2.89
GR78 x 15	$55.00	$2.97
HR78 x 15	$58.00	$3.15
CR78 x 15	$62.00	$3.47

Also see these great Savings on the Polyester/Fiberglass Belted Delta Ranger

Size	Price	FET
A78 x 13	$27.50	$1.78
E78 x 14	$29.50	$2.23
F78 x 14	$30.50	$2.37
G78 x 14	$32.00	$2.53
G78 x 15	$33.00	$2.59
H78 x 15	$35.00	$2.79

We Have Keystone Mag. Rims

Computerized Tire Matching and Balancing

Webb Tire Co.Inc.
411 West Confederate Blvd.
Phone 352-7180 Michelin-Delta Dealer Appomattox, Va.
"Serving Appomattox Since 1948"

SPORTS

BY BILLY CONNER

The boys shown above were participants in the Falling River Country Club 1977 Junior Gold Tournament held on Monday. Front row, from left, Todd Matthews, Bobby Carter, and Freddy Lawson; and on back row, from left, Richard Guill, T. W. Ballowe, Mike Smith, and Jimmy Roach. Ronnie Robinson and Reed Johnson were not available for picture.

Guill Wins Junior Tourney

Richard Guill, trailing by two strokes after nine holes, shot 39 on the back nine and edged Ronnie Robinson to win the Falling River Country Club Junior Golf Championship for 1977.

Richard had 40-39-79, taking loss gross honors and first place in the 13 and 14 age group. Ronnie, shooting 38-43-81, captured second in low gross competition and first in the 15 and 16 age group competition.

Freddy Lawson, with a nine hole score of 63, was winner in the eleven and under age bracket. He was followed by Bobby Carter (65) and Todd Matthews (68).

Reed Johnson (98) was second in 15 and 16 age competion while Jimmy Roach (107) finished third.

In the 13 and 14 age group, T. W. Ballowe (133) was second and Mike Smith (136) was third.

There was no competiton in the 17 age group.

The tournament was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moser, assisted by S. A. Lawson and Mrs. Richard Guill. Players were treated to a cook-out following play.

Sixty Five Registered For Tournament

Pro Warren Moser reports sixty five registrations for the annual Club Championship Golf Tournament for men at F.R.C.C.

The 54 hole event will be played during the Labor Day week-end and registrations will be accepted until Wed., Aug. 31. Members may call, write or visit the pro shop to register. A fee of $6.00 to cover expenses, will be billed each participant. There will be trophys, prizes, and lots of fun. A social by the pool is planned for all members regardless of whether they enter the tourney.

Correcting a statement made two weeks ago regarding rules, the committee reports a modification which will permit players to repair spike marks on greens before putting. A complete list of local rules will be available and will be posted at the pro shop.

A.C.H.S. Cheerleaders To Hold Tryouts For Mascot

Appomattox County High School cheerleaders will hold try-outs for mascot on Saturday, August 27, 1977 at 10 a.m. at the high school.

First grade students are eligible only.

For more information, call Miss Shelly Davidson, phone 352-8742; or Miss Karen Gillispie, phone 993-2790.

LYNCHBURG METS BEGIN PENNANT DRIVE

The Lynchburg Mets with just two weeks remaining in the second half hold the second place spot in the Carolina League behind the league leading Peninsula Pilots. The Lynchburg Mets have eight games remaining with the Pilots. Manager, Jack Aker, commented "with eight games still to play with the Pilots, we are in a good position to overcome the Pilots three game lead; we can make our own breaks."

The Mets roster has fluctuated all season long because of player advancements and many injuries but the Mets roster is now stablized. Previously injured relief pitcher Ron Gill has returned to the club for the pennant drive. All-Star and homerun leader, Paco Peres is now at full strength and will continue to add punch to the Lynchburg Met lineup.

The Mets close out their current homestand, Thursday, August 18 against the Winston Salem Red Sox. The Mets then travel to Hampton, Virginia for a four game series, August 19 thru 22 with the league leading Peninsula Pilots. On August 23rd and 24th the Mets return home to City Stadium for a quick two game homestand against the Salem Pirates.

Thursday August 23rd is radio sponsorship night and free tickets are available at all sponsors of the Lynchburg Mets Radio Broadcasts.

"Turbine Ventilators get rid of hot attic air and save energy and dollars."

IB-12

J. E. Sears & Co.
"Everything To Build Anything"
Appomattox, Va.

GOOD VISION Doesn't Cost . . . IT PAYS!
A. G. Jefferson INCORPORATED
For complete eye care Consult Your EYE PHYSICIAN Then See Your GUILD OPTICIAN
ALLIED ARTS BUILDING
2010 TATE SPRINGS RD.
LYNCHBURG, VA
GUILD OPTICIANS
Registered Opticians

Can't Keep It Together? See Us For Elmers Glue, Carter Paste, Glue Stick The Times-Virginian

Ring Up Dollars Less!
HOUSE PAINT SALE

SAVE! $4.00

our best quality
Latex House 'n Trim Paint
- VELVET FLAT OR SEMI-GLOSS FINISH
- 55 All-American colors
- Resists blistering, peeling and fading
- Hands and tools clean in soapy water

9.99 GALLON LIST PRICE $13.99

our standard quality
Latex House Paint
- Applies easy & dries fast
- Fade/blister-resistant
- Soap & water clean-up

SAVE! $3.00
7.99 GAL. LIST PRICE $10.99

our economy quality
Latex House Paint
- Applies easily
- Fast-drying fade-resistant finish
- Easy soap and water clean-up

SAVE! $1.50
6.49 GAL. LIST PRICE $7.99

American Hardware Stores
POE HDWE. CO. INC.
PHONE 352-5575
CHURCH ST. — APPOMATTOX, VA.

SUPER DOLLAR Back-To-School Super Buys

SAVE 54c ON 2 PKS.
Filler Paper
200 Sheets Per Pack
SUPER PRICE 2 PKS FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 77¢/Pk.

SAVE 77c ON 3 PKGS.
Bic Pens
PACKAGE OF 3 PENS
• 2 Medium Points
• 1 Fine Points
SUPER PRICE 3 PKGS FOR $1
Mfg. Suggested Retail 59¢/Pkg.

SAVE 33c
BLUE CANVAS Notebooks
• 3 Rings
• 1½" Ring Size
SUPER PRICE $1.44
Everyday Low Price $1.77

SAVE 14c ON 2
Composition Books
• 70 Sheets per Book
• Wire Bound
SUPER PRICE 2 BOOKS FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 57¢ ea.

SAVE 20c
ACRYLIC FELT Markers
• Assorted Colors
• Vinyl Pouch
SUPER PRICE PKG OF 10 FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 77¢/Pk.

SAVE 54c ON 2
Clip Boards
SUPER PRICE 2 FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 77¢ ea.

SAVE 83c
SCHOOL Lunch Kits
• Matching Insulated Thermos Bottles
• Famous TV Stars
SUPER PRICE $2.94
Our Everyday Low Price $3.77

SAVE 34c ON 2 BAGS
School Pencils
16 pencils per bag
SUPER PRICE 2 BAGS FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 67¢ ea.

SAVE 34c ON 2 BOXES
Crayola Crayons
BOX OF 24
SUPER PRICE 2 BOXES FOR $1
Our Everyday Low Price 67¢/Box

SPECIAL BUY
Girls Knee Hi Socks
• Orlon & Nylon
• Slightly Irregular
• Many Colors & Patterns
• Sizes 6-8½ and 9-11
SUPER PRICE 2 FOR $1

SAVE 43c
Boys Tube Socks
• White with Stripe & Asstd. Colors
• Sizes 6-8½ and 9-11
SUPER PRICE PKG OF 3 FOR $1.44
Our Everyday Low Price Pkg. of 3/$1.87

SAVE 53c
MENS Fruit of the Loom Knit Shirts
• Assorted Fashion Styles
• Long Sleeve • S-M-L-XL
• Easy Care Poly/Cotton & 100% Acrylic Fabrics
SUPER PRICE $2.94
Our Everyday Low Price $3.47

SAVE 97c
Ladies Handbags
• Fall Colors • Vinyls & Canvas
• Large Assortment of Handle & Shoulder Styles
SUPER PRICE $3
Our Everyday Low Price $3.97

SAVE TO $1.09
Boys Sport & Dress Shirts
• Long & Short Sleeves
• Polyester/Cotton Blends
• Easy Care • Sizes 8-18
SUPER PRICE $1.88
Our Everyday Low Price to $2.97

SAVE TO $2.03
GIRLS FASHION Jeans
• Denim, Brushed Denim, Ticking and Pre-washed Styles
• Assorted Colors • Sizes 7-14
SUPER PRICE $4.94
Our Everyday Low Price to $6.97

BOYS SAVE 33c
Briefs & T-Shirts
• 100% Cotton • S-M-L-XL
• Slightly Irregular
SUPER PRICE 2 FOR $1.24
Our Everyday Low Price $1.57

MENS SAVE TO $1.09
Sport & Dress Shirts
• Short Sleeve • Easy Care Fabrics
• Various Styles & Colors
• S-M-L-XL
NOW $2.88
Originally $3.97

SAVE 43c
Girls Panties
• Acetate/Nylon
• White and Pastel Shades
• Sizes 4-14
SUPER PRICE PKG OF 3 FOR 94¢
Our Everyday Low Price Pkg. of 3 for $1.37

SAVE 53c
Boys Jeans
• Western Blue Denim or Dress Jean Styles
• 100% Cotton Denim or Blends
• Solid Colors • Sizes 8-18
SUPER PRICE $4.44
Our Everyday Low Price $4.97

SUPER DOLLAR DISCOUNT STORES
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Open Monday-Saturday-9a.m.-9p.m. Sunday-1p.m.-6 p.m.
Triangle Plaza Shopping Center Appomattox, Va.
PRICES GOOD 10 DAYS THRU WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!